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(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

- 1. The Svazarm airfield at Novy Jicin (P50/046) is situated about 1,000 meters southwest of Hurka and about three km.west of Stary Jicin. The approach to the airfield is from the east and leads through a small wood which is between the airfield and Hurka. The airfield is about 900 meters long and 400 meters wide; it is being enlarged on the west where clearing of the adjoining forest started in 1953. The surface of the airfield is slightly wavy and is grassy; the subsoil is clay. The height of the airfield is about 340 meters above sea level. Northerly winds are prevailing.
- 2. There is no marked runway; the airfield area is marked by wooden posts about 30 cm.high, 100 meters apart, and painted red and white. The aircraft take off or land from the west side of the airfield.
- 3. On the northwest corner of the airfield is a wooden hangar, about 25×10 meters. Motor-propelled aircraft are usually kept in the hangar. On the south side of the road leading from Hurka to the airfield is another wooden hangar, $30 \times 20 \times 6$ meters. Mostly gliders are kept in this hangar.
- 4. Access to the airfield is along the road which branches off, to the north, from the Hurka-Starcjicka Ihota road, about 150 meters south of the junction of the Hurka-Stary Jicin and Hurka-Starcjicka Ihota roads. The road leading directly from Hurka to the airfield is unused. The approach to the airfield is not guarded; but warning notices are posted along the edge of the wood.
- 5. The following aircraft are permanently stationed at the airfield:
 - a. Powered aircraft:
 - 2 Buecker 381 (Czech mark Z 381)
 - 1 Heinkel 72

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<pre>b. Gliders: 2 Jerab 1 Krajan 1 Pionyr 2 unidentified types</pre>
1 Krajan 1 Piohyr
c. Other aircraft from Moravska Ostrava or Valasske Mezirici occasionally land at the airfield.
A fuel tank is located at the entrance to the airfield. It is underground, is covered with concrete, and is provided with a fuel pump. The concrete cover is about three meters long and two meters wide. The tank was built by the Svazarm when the airfield was enlarged and powered aircraft were introduced in 1949.
The airfield belongs to the Novy Jicin Svazarm organization; there are no military personnel at the field. The Svazarm uses the field for training in glider flying. Four instructors in glider flying carry out the training. There are two pilots available for powered aircraft which are used only for towing the gliders. On the average, 30 people attend the glider courses during a year. Training lasts three months; there are, on an average, three courses per year. Flying goes on from spring until late autumn.
The commandant of the airfield is Miroslav Stanek, the chairman of the CP organization in Hurka.
The airfield is constantly guarded by two members of the Svazarm. One is on duty in the office which is in a barracks north of the glider hangar. The rest of the barracks is used as billets for instructors and trainees. The other guard has a guardpost near the hangar on the northwest corner of the airfield. The guard post is connected by telephone with the office, which has a direct line to Stary Jicin.
Legend to the sketch:
 Hangar for powered aircraft Guard post Fuel station
4. Airfield commandant's house 5. Hangar for gliders
6. Billets and office 7. Kitchen and canteen
8. Private house
9. Access road 10. Unused road from Hurka

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